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110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1338

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a two-year moratorium on certain Medicare physician payment reductions for imaging services.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 8, 2007

Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KOHL, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BURR, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. CARDIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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A BILL

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a two-year moratorium on certain Medicare physician payment reductions for imaging services.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Access to Medicare Imaging Act of 2007".

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SEC. 2. TWO-YEAR MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN MEDICARE PHYSICIAN PAYMENT REDUCTIONS FOR IMAGING SERVICES.

(a) MORATORIUM.—No payment adjustment shall be made under subsections (b)(4)(A) or (c)(2)(B)(v)(II) of section 1848 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–4) during the 2-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) GAO STUDY AND REPORT ON IMAGING SERVICES FURNISHED UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.—

(1) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a comprehensive study on imaging services furnished under the Medicare program.

(2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to Congress and the Secretary of Health and Human Services a report on the findings and conclusions of the study conducted under paragraph (1) together with recommendations for such legislation and administrative actions as the Comptroller General considers appropriate.

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